

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Description of the Drawings as follows:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 depicts a Virtual Private Network gateway.

Figure 2 depicts the Virtual Private Network of Figure 1 augmented with a single PEP.

Figure 3 depicts the Virtual Private Network of Figure 1 augmented with two PEPs.

Figure 4 shows the architecture of a PEP.

Figure 5a shows the architecture of a TCP endpoint.

Figure 5b shows the architecture of a TCP endpoint augmented with a PEP.

Figure 6 shows the architecture of a system using a PEP with only one physical connection to the network.

Figure 7a shows the architecture of a gateway.

Figure 7b shows the architecture of a gateway augmented with a PEP.

Figure 8a depicts a common network configuration utilizing one wireless link.

Figure 8b shows the system of Figure 8a augmented with a PEP.

Figure 9 depicts another embodiment of a system augmented with a PEP.